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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, PINT, SHUM, DR, US

SUBJECT: U.S. POLICY ON DOMINICAN ELECTIONS

1. REP. DONALD FRASER, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS HAS WRITTEN TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY REQUESTING THAT HIS RECENT EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE WHITE HOUSE CONCERNING U.S. POLICY WITH RESPECT TO NEXT YEAR'S GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GODR BY THE EMBASSY. (COPIES OF THIS EXCHANGE -- REP. FRASER'S LETTER OF NOV. 11 TO THE PRESIDENT AND DR. BRZEZINSKI'S REPLY OF DEC. 7 -- WERE POUCHED TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMBASSADOR IN DECEMBER.)

2. THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE OR USEFUL FOR THE EMBASSY TO DELIVER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER. HOWEVER, TO REINFORCE DOMINICAN UNDERSTANDING OF USG POSITION ON THE MAY ELECTIONS, THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD CONTINUE TO CONVEY IN CONVERSATIONS WITH

PRESIDENT BALAGUER AND WITH OTHERS AS WELL AS IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS THE POINTS IN DR. BRZEZINSKI'S LETTER CONCERNING OUR SUPPORT FOR FULLY FREE ELECTIONS AND OUR COMPLETE NEUTRALITY WITH RESPECT TO CANDIDATES.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DEC. 27 LETTER FROM DR. BRZEZINSKI TO REP. FRASER:

QUOTE:

DEAR DON:

THANKS FOR YOUR NOTE OF DECEMBER 15. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY FORWARDED OUR CORRESPONDENCE TO DR. JOSE FRANCISCO PENA GOMEZ.

I AGREE WITH STATE'S VIEWS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE OR USEFUL FOR OUR EMBASSY TO DELIVER THE CORRESPONDENCE TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER. WE HAVE SENT THE CORRESPONDENCE TO OUR AMBASSADOR, AND HE WILL CONVEY IN CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER AND WITH OTHERS AS WELL AS IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON ELECTIONS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. I PREFER THAT APPROACH TO A PHYSICAL TRANSMITTAL OF THE CORRESPONDENCE.

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